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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP SECRETARY (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ACCOMMODATIONS

1. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, GOE HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED SECRETARY KISSINGER USE OF RAS AL-TIN PALACE FOR PERIOD OF HIS VISIT TO ALEXANDRIA. THIS PALACE IS NORMALLY RESERVED STRICTLY FOR VISITING CHIEFS OF STATE. GOE OFFER, AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

2. THOSE WHO VISITED ALEXANDRIA AT TIME OF PRESIDENT NIXON'S JUNE VISIT WILL RECALL PALACE IS EXTREMELY LARGE, OFFERING SLEEPING QUARTERS AND OFFICE SPACE FOR CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH PALACE AND EGYPTIAN SECURITY OFFICIALS, WE PROPOSE HOUSING ALL MEMBERS OF SECRETARY'S PARTY INCLUDING STAFF AND COMMUNICATIONS AT THE PALACE. DISTRIBUTION OF ROOMS ON THREE FLOORS PERMITS ALL NECESSARY PRIVACY AND SEPARATION OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES. PRESS WOULD STAY AT PALESTINE HOTEL. NOT ONLY DOES RAS AL-TIN OFFER BEST SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, BUT IT ELIMINATES NEED FOR LENGTHY COURIER SERVICE IN ALEXANDRIA (WHICH NOW CONGESTED WITH HOLIDAY MAKERS AT PEAK OF VACATION SEASON). IT ALSO HAS FACILITIES ALLOWING FOR ORDERLY TRANSFER TO AND FROM JINACLIS MILITARY AIRPORT AT WHICH SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT WILL LAND, WHICH IS 50 MILES FROM ALEXANDRIA. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS POSE NO ADDITIONAL OR UNUSUAL LOGISTIC PROBLEMS FOR GOE. PRESIDENCY HAS ALREADY SUPPLIED RAS AL-TIN WITH LARGE NUMBER OF FACILITIES FOR VISITING DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING TELEPHONES.

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3. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED OUTLINE OF ROOM ASSIGNMENTS AND OFFICE ACCOMMODATIONS (SPECIFIC ROOMS WILL BE ASSIGNED ACCORDING TO PALACE NUMBERING AS SOON AS AVAILABLE):

A) STATE FLOOR (THIRD FLOOR)- SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER, UNDERSECRETARY SISCO, SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

B) SECOND FLOOR - ALL SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY IN SINGLE ROOMS WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS; 1) ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND MRS. ATHERTON WILL HAVE DOUBLE ROOM AND 2) SECRETARY'S DOCTOR AND MR. KINNERLEY WILL HAVE DOUBLE ROOM (BOTH ARE LARGE, COMFORTABLE DOUBLE ROOMS). S/S-S OFFICE, USSS/SY COMMAND POST, AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICERS WILL ALSO BE LOCATED ON SECOND FLOOR.

C) FIRST FLOOR- NSC AND S/S-S SECRETARIES IN CONNECTING DOUBLE ROOMS, S/S-S OFFICERS AND S/S-S EX OFFICERS IN DOUBLE ROOMS. COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WILL ALSO BE ON FIRST FLOOR.

4. WE WISH EMPHASIZE THAT BECAUSE OF SIZE OF PALACE EACH FLOOR IS ESSENTIALLY SEPARATE UNIT. THERE WILL BE LITTLE NEED FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN FLOORS EXCEPT FOR NORMAL DELIVERY OF MESSAGES TO SECRETARY OFFICE.

5. FOR S/S-EX: SUGGEST DIFFERENT COLORED BULLETS BE USED FOR ALEXANDRIA: ONE COLOR FOR PALACE, SECOND FOR PALESTINE HOTEL.

6. FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON: DRIVING TIME FROM RAS AL-TIN PALACE TO PALESTINE HOTEL IS ABOUT 40 MINUTES. PRESS CONTROL ROOM AND SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PRESS WILL BE AT PALESTINE. SINCE WE ASSUME YOU WILL WISH YOUR ROOM TO BE NEAR SECRETARY, WE ARE HOLDING BEDROOM FOR YOU AT RAS AL-TIN. IF YOU WOULD PREFER LODGE AT PALESTINE, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP.  
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